

STATE BOARD OF STOCK INSPECTION

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Members Present: Kathie Riley, President; Daniel McCarty, Vice-President; Marla Rock, Secretary-Treasurer; Kory Kessinger, Board Member.

Members Absent: David Mendenhall, Board Member.

Staff Present: Chris Whitney, Brand Commissioner; Cara Wells, Colorado Brand Board; Brenda Pierce, Colorado Brand Board; Deb Vernon, Technology Development Coordinator.

Guests Present: Jenifer Gurr, Chief Administrative Officer; Billy Seiber, Attorney General's Office.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kathie Riley requesting approval of the February 17, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. Dan McCarty entered a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On February 2, 2015 Brand Inspector Terry Short investigated one stray black bull, no brand. The animal was advertised and sold as an stray as per Colorado Revised Statute. Joanna D. Meston, 47007 County Road 53 Bennett, CO 80102, is claiming ownership of the animal and requesting release of the funds. Ms. Meston has signed a "Guarantee of Livestock Origin" form claiming that the animal is home raised. After expenses there is \$1,086.51 remaining in the stray fund. Due to the evidence presented the Marla Rock made a motion to release the funds, \$1,086.51, less \$20.00 per head, per Colorado Revised Statute to Joanna D. Meston, MD 47007 Co Rd 53 Bennett, CO 80102. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The financials were presented to the Board.

Chris Whitney reported that as of February 2016 there were ten employees with between 140 and 200 hours of comp time and six employees with between 201 and 240 hours of comp time. The comp time balance decreased by 372.50 hours from the January 2016 balance. The Senate Confirmation Hearing for Board Members Kory Kessinger and David Mendenhall will be March 31, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. The Brand Inspector all hands seminars are scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016 and Tuesday, May 3, 2016. We are preparing the agendas and will send them out to the Board as soon as they are completed. The Certified Feedlot meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2016. The meeting will be attended by Chris Whitney, Cara Wells, Brenda Pierce, Kory Kessinger and all Certified Feedlot Auditors and any other Board members who are able to attend. The Certified Feedlot Rule will be under review this year so we hope to get input on the rule and determine if any changes need to be made to the rule from the staff that work directly with the certified feedlots. We will specifically be examining the "Audit Worksheet" and making any necessary revisions to the form. Between March 7 and 10, 2016 the Motherwell Ranch alternative livestock inventory was completed. The Brand Division's objective was to get a baseline head count for all animals in the facility. Once this baseline is established, this is the count we will use going forward. There is a

continuing problem of horses being released on public lands. Chris Whitney, Joel Stevenson, and Chad Moore met with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Services (NPS) employees concerning approximately 60 horses that are currently trespassing on Mesa Verde National Park. The BLM and NPS are looking for assistance in dealing with the trespassing horses. Under federal rules and regulations the BLM has the authority to gather and sell the horses but they are reluctant to do so because of the public's perception of what will happen to the animals. It has been established that the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe owns the horses. The discussion resulted in the possibility that the Brand Board will assist in facilitating the discussions between the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the BLM and NSP concerning what will happen to the horses. The BLM will most likely help gather the animals for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the animals will be dealt with according to the agreement reached between the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, BLM and NSP. Chris Whitney gave a training presentation to the State Patrol Academy on Monday, March 14, 2016 and will give a training presentation to the State Patrol in Montrose in April 2016.

Colorado State University has applied for their annual horse sale license, the Legends of Ranching Sale. They are requesting Saturday, April 23, 2016 for this year's sale. Marla Rock made a motion to approve the requested sale date. Kory Kessinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION DISCUSSION

Cory Crow has been hired to fill the full-time La Junta District position. He will start on Monday, March 21, 2016. Jay Groom is interviewing for the full-time Wray District position. We will announce for full-time Kremmling position in the near future.

There were five certified feedlot audits completed and paperwork submitted since the February 2016 Board meeting. All audits balanced except audit report number two which is off two head. Brand Supervisor/Auditor Jim Easthouse provided an explanation for the difference. Marla Rock asked that the staff follow up with the feedlot designated #1 in the January 21, 2016 audit to see if the 41 head in the long account can be clarified and better understood. Chris Whitney said that the staff will do so.

Deb Vernon officially began his new position as part-time Technology Development Coordinator and part-time Brand Inspector March 1. He has been familiarizing himself with the electronic certificate program, talking with the Department's IT staff and brand inspectors, and looking at the equipment needs and proposals that were in the works before Jason Burns left the position. A roll out plan will follow.

Six Alternative Livestock certificates were written in the month of January 2016 for 29 head of elk.

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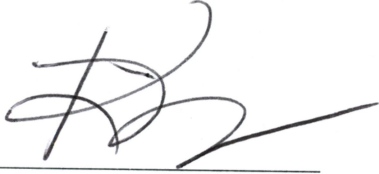
- (a) Volume of Estrays Handled Monthly
- (b) New Brands, Transfers, and Delinquent Assessments Paid

ESTRAY FUND:

In February 2016 \$3,772.73 was deposited into the Estray Fund. \$3,760.77 was for proceeds of sale on eleven head of cattle, horses and/or sheep. \$11.96 was for interest received on certificates of deposit. Two certificates of deposit matured during the month of February. The new interest rate on one of the certificates of deposit is .30%. The other interest rate is not known at this time.

Motion by Dan McCarty that the next meeting be held on April 20, 2016 commencing at 8:30 o'clock a.m. at 305 Interlocken Parkway Broomfield, CO. Seconded by Marla Rock. Motion carried.

Motion by Marla Rock that this meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Dan McCarty. Motion carried.








President



Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT OF ESTRAYS HELD AND PROCEEDS DEPOSITED

February 2016 Deposits

INSPECTOR	DESCRIPTION	ADVERTISED/ SALE BARN HOLD	WHOM TAKEN FROM OR REPORTED BY	AMOUNT HELD
Easthouse, Jim	1 black heifer X lr	Sale Barn	Jerry Helmicki Bar Lazy T Ranch Parshall, CO	\$629.00
Easthouse, Jim	1 buckskin mare  rh	Sale Barn	Gib Smith Nunn, CO	\$425.50
Easthouse, Jim	2 Jersey bull calves no brand	Sale Barn	Dan Myers Broadwater, NE	\$455.00
Easthouse, Jim	1 black cow 2+K lr	Sale Barn	Tom Seitz Savory, WY	\$905.21
Mathis, Jason	1 bay geld  rs  lh	Advertised	Jason Mathis Yuma, CO	Returned to Owner
Shetley, Randy	1 red steer no brand	Advertised	Weimer Ranches Nucla, CO	(\$2.45) Returned to Owner
Dennis, Holly/T J Watts	1 Bay Appaloosa stallion no brand	Advertised	Colorado State Patrol Adams County Colorado	\$45.57
Florian, Terry	1 black Corriente cow  lr (blotch)	Advertised	Mike Surles Wiggins, CO	\$441.45
Williams, Dennis	1 bay quarter type mare no brand	Advertised	Linda Brown Trinidad, CO	Returned to Owner
Herrick, Mike	1 black steer  lh	Advertised	Linda Valdez Canon City, CO	\$425.46
Short, Terry	1 red Highlander bull no brand	Advertised	Silver Spur Ranch Kiowa, CO	\$335.24
Weber, Ty	1 sorrel mare no brand	Advertised	Tom Jacobs Pritchett, CO	\$133.42
Burk, Kenny	1 dark brown mare no brand	Advertised	Jennifer Houghton Colorado Springs, CO	\$196.44